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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Los Angeles – Seven Men Charged with Firebombing Black Families

(U) Seven Latino gang members in Los Angeles have been charged with firebombing the homes of black families in 2014 to drive them out of a heavily Hispanic neighborhood, according to a federal court indictment made public yesterday. The men charged are members and associates of the Big Hazard street gang and hurled Molotov cocktails at apartments in a public housing complex in May 2014, prosecutors said.

SOURCE: 7 July 2016, Associated Press

(U) San Diego – Suspect Arrested in Series of Attacks on Homeless Men

(U) A man who police say was responsible for killing two homeless men and critically injuring two others was arrested yesterday. Anthony Alexander Padgett, 36, acted alone in the series of attacks that started on 3 July. He declined to disclose a motive for the attacks. The arrest came after police received tips from the public based on grainy pictures and surveillance footage of the suspect.

SOURCE: 7 July 2016, The Los Angeles Times

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – US Capitol Reopens after Brief Lockdown

(U) Washington—Police briefly ordered a lockdown of the US Capitol because of police activity today, and a Senate aide said officers were searching for a woman who may have a weapon in a basement area near the US House of Representatives. One Capitol Police officer said the lockdown was because an "event" was under way and authorities were searching for someone. The lockdown meant people in the building were required to remain in their offices with locked doors and windows. The US Capitol visitor's center also was temporarily closed.

SOURCE: 8 July 2016, Reuters

(U) Ohio – Man Pleads Guilty in Plot to Attack US Government Officers

(U) Cincinnati – Munir Abdulkader, 21, of West Chester, Ohio, pleaded guilty to attempting to kill officers and employees of the United States, providing material support to the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence. Abdulkader was charged for his plot to kill an employee of a US military installation and then attack a local police station, all in the Southern District of Ohio.

SOURCE: 7 July 2016, Justice.gov

(U) Texas – Five Officers Killed During Protests against Police Violence

(U) Dallas – At least one sniper, who said he wanted to shoot white police officers, killed five officers and wounded seven others at a demonstration in Dallas yesterday against police shootings in Minnesota and Louisiana, officials said. The sniper was killed, and three other people are in custody, officials said. The police killed the suspect using an explosive delivered by a robot. Law enforcement officials identified the

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deceased suspect as Micah X. Johnson, 25, a Dallas-area resident.

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(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Nigeria – Militants Blow up Oil Pipelines

(U) Yenagoa – Militants launched attacks on oil pipelines in Nigeria's southern Niger Delta energy hub belonging to Italy's Eni and Aiteo, Nigerian security forces, Eni and a militant group said. The renewed violence could further cut into exports that were depressed as a result of infrastructure damage, underscoring the serious security threat to the oil production on which Nigeria relies for around 70 percent of its revenue. Niger Delta Avengers, the group that has carried out most of the attacks, said on its website that it blew up the Nembe 1, 2 and 3 trunkline in Bayelsa and Rivers states which is owned by the Aiteo group.

SOURCE: 8 July 2016, The New York Times

(U) Taiwan- Blast Injures 25 on Passenger Train

(U) Taipei – A suspected pipe bomb that injured 25 passengers on a train in Taiwan was a homemade explosive device and unlikely to be part of a terror-related plot, a police official said today. "Our initial investigation has ruled out terror," Wang Bao-chang of Taiwan's National Police Agency told a news conference, adding there had been no claim of responsibility and no information to justify suspicion of a terrorist attack. Authorities are hunting for more than one suspect, among them a man wearing black clothes and aged around 40, who was seen by witnesses just minutes before the blast.

SOURCE: 8 July 2016, Reuters

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